

SOCIETY has been very pleasantly entertained for the past seven days, enjoying an unusually diversified program, going rapidly from receptions to teas, and from teas to dinners. The Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches have set the pace for all the other diplomats, and tomorrow night the British Ambassador and Lady Durand will give the first of their large receptions of the season. Tomorrow afternoon Baroness Moncheur, wife of the Belgian Minister, will give a tea from 4 to 7 o'clock. Tuesday afternoon Senora Quesada, wife of the Cuban Minister, who has been in mourning for the past year or so, will start her active social program with a tea, for which invitations were issued some days ago. Senora Martin Rivero, wife of the first secretary of the Cuban legation, who has a charming home at 1502 Vermont Avenue, will be at home Wednesdays, February 1 and 8, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

The second Bachelors' ball will be given Wednesday evening, and will be an unusually brilliant midwinter event. The first annual dance of the Washington Yacht Club will be given at Rauscher's Friday night. Dancing events, however, are so rare in the list of social entertainments, that Mrs. Paul Morton, Mrs. Henry Hoyt, Mrs. Seaton Schroeder, and Mrs. Converse will give a subscription dance at Rauscher's Wednesday, February 8.

Of course, the chief givers for the week are the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who entertained the members of the Supreme Court and others of their friends at dinner at the White House Thursday night. The companies for these big dinners at the White House are being very skillfully managed, and the guests form the most agreeable company possible. The President sits on one side of the great table at the center, and just opposite him is Mrs. Roosevelt. They each have a high-backed carved oak chair upholstered in Goblin tapestry, while the guests all occupy small bent wood chairs heavily gilded, and tied with bows of pink ribbon at each corner of the cane seats. The change of chairs is not for the purpose only of distinguishing the seats of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt from the others, but after ordering the great oak chairs for the state dining room when it was in process of being newly furnished, it was found that the high backs formed a solid breastwork around the table, which not only shut out the view, but made it impossible for servants to intelligently serve the guests. The two oak chairs are the only distinction between the places of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their guests.

Tuesday the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will dine out with Secretary Moody at the New Willard. Other important dinner hosts for the week are Senator and Mrs. Dryden, Judge O'Connell, Baron and Baroness Moncheur, Mrs. Stanley Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glover, Lieutenant General and Mrs. Chaffee, Senator and Mrs. Elkins, Representative and Mrs. Dalzell, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster, and the last of the week, Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock. There are a number of pleasant teas arranged for the week.

A timely bit of pleasantry was heard at the White House the other day between two women who were assisting Mrs. Roosevelt at her tea. Those who "assist" go into a small reception room at the right of the marble hall upon entering the White House and there leave their wraps. When the two entered the room, Mrs. Pinchot's magnificent sable cape of great value and beauty hung upon the rack. "Whose wrap is that?" queried one. "O, that is Mrs. Pinchot's, don't you know?" "Ah, me," sighed the first speaker, "she evidently has not the same interest in preserving the animals that her son has in preserving the forests."

Just now the greatest matter along the social line which agitates the mind of official society is whether the President should be allowed to choose his own guests just as are other hosts, or whether the transfer system of invitations to White House receptions must cease. There is a small card marked "Not Transferable" in each invitation, which bears the name of the one invited. It is suggested by a unique person that this card should not be presented to the policeman at the entrance to the White House, but that it be carried by the holder until they reach Colonel Bromwell—he enunciates quite distinctly—when upon handing him the card, he gives it a hasty glance and announces the name to the President. If this suggestion should become a practice without announcement, the President would doubtless be shocked into nervous prostration by the changed appearance of some of his official friends.

With this suggestion in practice, every person invited to the White House would feel compelled to either go or send regrets, the latter method giving the White House clerks an opportunity to invite such people as could attend in person—not by proxy—hence keeping up the dignity of White House official receptions. Of course, in addition to the members of the Supreme Court and the judiciary, who always attend the reception given in their honor, there are a number of notables present, but when the reception given in honor of the Senate and House is deprived of all dignity through the transfer system of invitations, one wonders wherein the justice of law—or law-makers—lies. The last named reception is the most mixed of any of the series, the higher officials preferring the diplomatic and army and navy receptions to that given in their own honor.

Mrs. Metcalf has broken the record of calls in the social world, having made 1,000 calls since the 1st of December. She has kept up all her social duties, and says she does not need the services of a social secretary. Mrs. Henry Kirk Porter took the lead in the number of calls made by an official hostess last season, and also bore the palm for dining out.

With ex-Postmaster General and Mrs. Charles Emory Smith, the ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman Gage, and ex-Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. John D. Long included among those invited into the Blue Room for the judicial reception last Thursday, there was quite a flavor of the McKinley regime, which set some folks to thinking rather sadly.

In point of fact, neither Mr. Gage nor the Longs came to Washington, but their names brought up old memories.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, sr., has just received a letter from the former Minister, Wu Ting-fang, saying that her book, "The Aristocracy of Health" is being translated into Chinese, and will be issued by a Celestial publishing house. He also suggests that physical culture is a fad among the people of his country, and that he hopes her book will fill a vacant niche in the literary world. Mrs. Henderson is a vegetarian, and one of the most delightful features of a winter's social season here are her vegetarian dinners, when even the best epicures are kept guessing as to whether a croquette is fish or fowl, or only some skillfully concocted vegetable.

One old politician refused her invitation last winter for the simple reason that it kept his curiosity so aroused all through the dinner, and besides that, he did not propose being doped in any such manner.

Vice President-elect and Mrs. Fairbanks will leave Washington tomorrow for Canton, Ohio, where they will visit Mrs. McKinley for a short time. Mrs. Timmons will not accompany them, but with her mother, will make a visit to the South the latter part of February.

Dinners

Senator and Mrs. Shelby M. Cullom entertained at dinner last night for the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Morton, and the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Metcalf. Others invited to the dinner were the Chinese Minister, Sir Cheung Tung Liang-Cheng; Senator and Mrs. Hopkins, Senator Allison, Senator Doolittle, Miss Cannon, Miss Williams of Chicago, Mrs. Victor E. Shaw of California, Mrs. Curtis, Miss Ridgely, Miss Fisher, Mr. Colton, and Mr. Ridgely.

Admiral of the Navy and Mrs. Dewey invited a dinner party for last evening, and Mrs. Dewey being too indisposed to play the part of hostess, resigned the honors of the table to Mrs. Lodge. Those entertained were the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, the

Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock, Secretary Wilson, Senator and Mrs. Elkins, Senator Warren, Captain and Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald de Koven, Miss Patten, and Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth.

Attorney General Moody and Senator Ojeda, the Spanish Minister, shared honors at the dinner given by the former ambassador and Mrs. William P. Draper last night. Dining with them were Senator and Mrs. Foraker, Senator and Mrs. Alger, Lieutenant General and Mrs. Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Miss Townsend, Miss Morton, Miss Elizabeth Kean, Mr. Dering, of the British embassy; Miss Carlisle, Miss Holmes, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Carlisle.

A complimentary dinner was given last evening to Frank Meyer, master mechanic of the new Filtration Plant,



MISS CLEMENTINE DE LOBEL.

by Capt. and Mrs. R. Humphry Wood at their home in Bloomingdale. To meet him were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flicker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hursh, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olds, Mrs. Frank Meyer, Miss Kate Olds, of Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Arabella White, Miss Grace Wellen, Miss Edith Barker, Miss Edna Flicker, Philip Addison, and Milton C. White.

Mrs. Stanley Mathews entertained at luncheon yesterday Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mrs. Akers, Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Henry Kirk Porter, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Kean, Mrs. Pinchot, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, sr., Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Edson Bradley, Miss Schenck, and Miss Mitchell.

Mrs. Fairbanks will be hostess at a tea February 6, and will give several dinner parties during the month.

Mrs. James M. Greene, of Massachusetts Avenue, will be hostess at a dinner tonight for Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, and Miss Nelson, of Kansas City, who are now in Washington.

Colonel Michael, of the State Department, and Mrs. Michael, entertained in a delightful manner about forty of their friends Friday evening, by an illustrated lecture, colored lantern slides being used, on Japan, Henry A. Strahmeyer, of New York, being the entertainer. The Japanese Minister, Mr. Takahira, and the first and second secretaries of the legation, Eki Heki and Masanao Hanabara, were among the guests. The lecturer has spent many months in Japan, and the slides were made from photographs he took in his travels. The lecture was suggested in all the decorations of the house, arrangement of the flowers and so on, and even in the refreshments served from Japanese dishes. The ice cream was flavored with tea, a custom prevalent in the Island Kingdom. There was music and conversation, and everyone appreciated the departure from conventional lines.

Mrs. Fred T. Dubois gave a luncheon yesterday for Mrs. Catherine Williams, of Chicago, and Mrs. Ridgely, of Washington. Among the guests were the Misses Warner and Misses Southerland, Miss Stone, Miss Schroeder, and Miss Birney. The table decorations were in red tulips and maidenhair fern.

Miss Harriet Richardson was hostess at a largely attended 5 o'clock tea yesterday afternoon, in honor of President Taylor and the alumnae.

The visit of the Vassar women to Washington was marked by a number of generous entertainments, one of the largest being the tea Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Walter Harvey Weed as hostess.

Owing to the fact that the guests of honor were almost two hundred in number, and were most of them total strangers in Washington, Mrs. Weed had a very large and successful party. Receiving with the hostess, who wore an exquisite pink d'Alencon lace robe and carried a huge bunch of her class flowers, La France roses, were President Taylor of Vassar and Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the Vice President-elect, Mrs. Fairbanks, who is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, wore a white embroidered crepe, with a white toque.

The other ladies assisting in the drawing room and tea room included Mrs. Alger, Miss Cameron, Mrs. Daitch, Mrs. Brooks (Wellesley), Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Sampson, who prior to her marriage to Admiral Sampson, was a member of the Vassar faculty, Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Arnold Hague, who is a trustee of Barnard College, Mrs. Walcott, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Looze, Mrs. Thurston, Miss Hume, '01; Miss Hartzell, '96; Miss Hill, '96; Miss Purman, Miss Tuttle, '96; Miss Richardson, '96; Miss Madeira, '96; Miss Moore and Miss Helene Black, '04. Last evening the alumnae dinner was held at Rauscher's, where nearly 200 Vassar women paid tribute to the love and loyalty to their alma mater. Shortly after dinner speeches were made by President Taylor, Colonel Wagner, of the army, and Robert Lincoln O'Brien. The dinner broke up after the alumnae had joined in singing the "Alma Mater" song.

Receptions

Mrs. Dewey, because of her continued illness, will not receive tomorrow.

Senora Martin Rivero will receive her friends informally on Wednesday the

1st and 8th of February, from 4 to 6 o'clock, at 1502 Vermont Avenue.

Miss Briggs, who is spending the winter with her grandfather, Senator Frye, will be at home on Thursdays in February at the Hamilton.

Mrs. Fred Dennett will receive Fridays in February at the Portner.

Mrs. J. L. McCreery and Miss Flora McCreery, of 22 Eleventh Street northeast, will be at home to their friends informally tomorrow from 3 to 6.

Mrs. Edwin C. Madden, of 1303 Clifton Street, will receive informally tomorrow from 3 to 6 o'clock and will have with her Mrs. P. P. Sargent and Mrs. Allister Cochran.

Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Hudgens will not be at home next Tuesday, but will receive informally in February and March.

Mrs. F. Carl Smith will give a tea at her residence, 1739 Seventeenth Street northwest, February 4, from 3 to 6, assisted by Mrs. George W. Prince, and Miss McLaughlin, of Illinois; Mrs. Charles E. Scott, Mrs. David T. Day, Mrs. Christine Dunlap, Mrs. J. H. Magnolie, of New York, Mrs. Elmer Payne, Mrs. Ellis Logan, Miss Grandin, Miss Alice Grandin, Miss Dapray, and Miss Kent.

Mrs. Ola Walter Bell, of Fort Myer, has sent out cards for a large reception tomorrow, from 4 to 6, in honor of Miss Adele Morton, daughter of Colonel Morton, Seventh Cavalry, whose marriage to Lieutenant Spring will occur February 2.

Mrs. Isaac Pearson, 1315 Thirteenth Street, owing to illness, will not be at home Mondays for the present.

Miss Stuart will not be at home until Monday, February 13, when her sister, Mrs. Hardesty, will receive with her.

Miss Platt, daughter of Commander Platt, of the navy, will be at home tomorrow for the last time this season.

Mrs. Samuel H. Walker and Miss Walker, of 429 B Street northeast, will be at home on Mondays, February 6 and 20.

Mrs. H. C. Bakemann will be at home the second and fourth Wednesdays in February, from 4 to 6.

On account of the death of Dr. Cook's mother, Mrs. G. Wythe Cook will not receive or pay calls this season.

Mrs. William R. Hodges will be at home informally at the Cumberland, February 23.

Col. and Mrs. Smith Leach are now settled in their new home, 1528 Sixteenth Street.

Mrs. Eugene Byrnes will be at home tomorrow, but will not be at home Mondays in February.

Mrs. Buckingham, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Monilton, 1221 Princeton Street, will not be at home Wednesday, February 1, but will be at home on the two following Wednesdays, February 8 and 15.

Mrs. Stanton J. Peelle will receive tomorrow afternoon for the last time this season.

Mrs. Lloyd M. Thiman, of the Cecil, will be at home informally the remaining Thursdays of the season.

The Congressional women of the Hamilton Hotel will receive Wednesday, February 1, from 3 to 6 p. m.

Mrs. W. H. Sholes will be at home the first and second Mondays in February only.

Mrs. Harry Colfax Grove, 934 T Street northwest, will be at home informally Wednesdays in February, the 1st, 8th and 15th.

Mrs. Edwin C. Madden will be at home, at 1303 Clifton Street northwest, informally tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. P. P. Sargent and Miss Allister Cochran will receive with her.

Miss Helene Engel has as her guest Miss Hattie L. Enger of New York. Mrs. D. L. Engel and the Misses Engel will be at home Thursdays in February.

Miss Mae V. F. Harris left for Baltimore Friday to assist at the reception



MISS JEHANE DE LOBEL.

The Misses de Lobel are the guests of the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches, and have made scores of warm friends in Washington. While they are French women, they also have many distinguished relatives in this country, their great-great-uncle, who lived in New Orleans, having had the town of Lobelville, Tenn., named for him. They are much traveled and accomplished women, and after finishing their visit here will go to other friends in this country.

In honor of the engagement of Miss Edna Hecht to Mr. Lowenstein of New York this evening.

Mrs. Simon Kann of Belmont Avenue has discontinued her Thursdays at home for this season.

Weddings.

There are several exceedingly interesting weddings on for the week, that of Miss Nora Michener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Michener, of Nineteenth Street, and Barry Mohun, being particularly so. Their marriage will take place at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at the family residence, and Father Bohand, of Baltimore, will officiate.

Miss Michener will have but one attendant, her sister, Mrs. Griffin Halstead, and M. Stanley Brown, of Cleveland, will be Mr. Mohun's best man. Only the immediate family will witness the ceremony, but other guests will attend the reception which follows. Mr. Mohun and his bride will take a journey of some length, and return to Washington, where they will be at home to their friends.

Tuesday, Miss Miriam Ballinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Madison Adams Ballinger, will be married to Francois Wilhelm Hiddinga, of the Netherlands. The wedding has been beautifully arranged, and the reception will be attended by a number of the friends of the family.

Thursday, the wedding of Miss Adele Morton and Lieutenant Spring, of Fort Myer, will take place. Saturday, Miss Jane Boyd and Maurice Humphrey Joyce will be married, at the Church of the Epiphany, at 6 o'clock. Miss Boyd will have but one attendant, her sister, Miss Alice Boyd, who is to be maid of honor. Mr. Joyce will have as best man Benjamin Woodruff, and the Rev. Dr. McMane will officiate. There will be no reception after the ceremony. Mr. Joyce and his bride leaving shortly after for a brief wedding journey.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized on Wednesday evening when Miss Cordelia B. Lyons and Harry B. Burnside, two popular Washingtonians, were married at the home of the bride's grandmother, 1434 Georgia Avenue southeast. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. Hez. Swann, of the Second Baptist Church. The bride party entered the parlor, which was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms, to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by an orchestra screened from sight by a bank of palms.

The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Emily Robey, as bridesmaid, while Myron Taylor acted as best man. After the ceremony the guests retired to the dining room, where a bountiful repast was served.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk, trimmed with rare old lace, and in her arm carried a large bouquet of white carnations, the bride's favorite flower. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and handsome gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Burnside and son, Mrs. Cordelia Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. Plaskett and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Humphrey and son, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Thill, Mr. and Mrs. Schreck and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jarboe and son.



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Personal Gossip.

The Misses Mills, of New York, are guests at the White House, and will remain over today.

Col. and Mrs. Henry F. Blount, of Georgetown, have gone for a month's visit to Cuba. It is probable they will, while there, buy a farm, with a view to having their son-in-law and daughter locate in the island. Mr. and Mrs. White came to Washington earlier in the season as the guests of Colonel and Mrs. Blount, and were present at the opening of the Assouan Dam by the Khedive of Egypt.

Mrs. Noble, widow of Capt. Henry E. Noble, and her sister are at the Normandie, where they will be for the remainder of the winter and spring. They have just returned from a prolonged stay on the Continent, their travels extending into the Orient.

They passed an entire winter in Cairo and made an interesting trip of the Nile. They were present at the opening of the Assouan Dam by the Khedive of Egypt.

Mrs. Walter Farwell, of Chicago, formerly Miss Williams, of this city, will sail next week with Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield Taylor, to pass the remainder of the winter and early spring in Italy.

Miss Harriet A. Hereford, of Union, W. Va., daughter of the late ex-Senator Hereford, is visiting Mrs. Blackburn, at 1702 Nineteenth Street.

Miss Wu Fong Ming, the half English and Chinese cousin of Wu Ting-fang, former Chinese Minister to the United States and assistant exponent of the Chinese Free Mason movement, was married in New York yesterday to Moy J. Hing, her secretary, who is studying for the Baptist ministry. The ceremony was conducted according to American custom.

Washington has another new, unmarried diplomat in the person of Count Josef Wenckheim, an attaché of the embassy of Austria and Hungary. The count arrived last week, and is already sharing honors with the other single men of the corps.

Miss Minnie B. Chapman, of the Plymouth, left town last Wednesday for Florida, to spend the rest of the winter. Miss Chapman will stop at Raleigh, N. C., on her return home.

Mrs. Maud Dyer DeCamp, of this city, has gone to visit her cousin, Mrs. Edward Wemple, at Haverstraw, N. Y., for a week, after which she will join some relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Grace Dyer-Knight has become the permanent soloist of the First Christian Science Church, of this city. Mrs.

Dyer-Knight possesses a rich soprano voice, admirably adapted for church music. She sang on several occasions by invitation in the First Church, and gave such satisfaction that the congregation made her a flattering offer. She will sing at the morning and evening services until May next.

The members of the Capital Yacht Club have issued invitations for their first dance of the season, to be given at Rauscher's on Friday, February 3.

The "Octette" held its first meeting of the season Thursday night at the home of Miss Carry Hart in Kalorama Avenue. After music and games were enjoyed, refreshments were served.

Miss Ella Behrend has left town for a week's stay with her sister in Charleston, W. Va.

Miss Selma Rhineberg of Baltimore is the guest of Miss Malvine Voog of T Street.

BIRTHDAY AND WEDDING DAY

Mrs. N. M. Vandegrift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Colton, of 223 University Place, planned a pleasant surprise for her parents Thursday evening, January 28, 1905, the occasion being the thirty-eighth anniversary of their marriage and the sixty-ninth birthday of Mr. Colton.

The associates in Mr. Colton's room, Section D, Record Division, Pension Office, were well represented and remembered him by a beautiful gift, presented by J. K. Hench, with humorous and well chosen remarks, which were responded to by both bride and groom. Afterward Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Shorey presented to Mrs. Colton, thirty-eight bride roses. Several other handsome presents were received. Selections were given on the piano and violin by Miss Grace and Ruth Harvey, piano solos were given by A. Amende and Mrs. M. Brown. Mrs. Vandegrift was assisted at the refreshment tables by Mrs. Shorey, Mrs. Brooks, and Mrs. Brown. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gause, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dennis, Mrs. H. Arnold, Mrs. Amende, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Shorey, Mrs. Brown, and the Misses Bushnell, Durkee, Brown, Luckenbach, Meacham, Mitchell, Peck, Hickock, S. Harvey, and R. Harvey. E. E. Munsey, J. K. Hench, R. Strobel, W. Cooper, Dr. White, A. Amende, and George Deltch, of Philadelphia.



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